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PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIUM,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND
MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.